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REFERENCE TO: MISSION 1108,

K-2 AIRFIELD  
IRAQ

1. SIGNIFICANCE: IDENTIFICATION OF A NEW AIRFIELD UNDER CONSTRUCTION  
IN IRAQ.
2. LOCATION: ADJACENT TO THE WEST SIDE OF THE K-2 PUMPING  
STATION IN NORTH CENTRAL IRAQ, 110 NM NE OF BAGHDAD  
AT 34-54-23N 043-24-16E.
3. REMARKS: THIS AIRFIELD, WHICH IS BEING BUILT OVER THE EXISTING  
RUNWAYS AT K-2, IS THE SEVENTH NEW AIRFIELD TO BE  
CONSTRUCTED IN IRAQ SINCE THE ARAB-ISRAELI WAR. THE  
OTHERS ARE:

H-3 AIRFIELD NW  
H-3 AIRFIELD NE  
H-3 AIRFIELD SW  
AL KUT AIRFIELD  
TIKRIT AIRFIELD  
UR AIRFIELD SW

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IN ADDITION TO THESE NEW AIRFIELDS, EIGHT EXISTING AIRFIELDS HAVE BEEN IMPROVED BY THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW OR EXTENDED RUNWAYS, THREE PREVIOUSLY ABANDONED AIRFIELDS NOW HAVE NEW OILED SAND RUNWAYS, AND 22 AIRSTRIPS OR HIGHWAY AIRSTRIPS HAVE BEEN CONSTRUCTED, MOST OF THEM WITHIN 100 NM OF BAGHDAD. THIS CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY PROBABLY REFLECTS IRAQ'S DESIRE TO ALLOW GREATER DISPERSAL OF ITS AIRCRAFT AND TO REDUCE THEIR VULNERABILITY TO PREEMPTIVE ATTACKS.

4. COLLATERAL:

COLLATERAL SOURCES OF OCTOBER 1969 REPORTED THAT A NEW MILITARY AIRFIELD WAS TO BE BUILT AT K-2 AND THAT THE RUNWAY WOULD BE 3,000 X 50-METERS (9,850 X 165 FEET). [REDACTED]

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5. FIRST IDENTIFICATION: THIS MISSION FOR THE NEW AIRFIELD.6. NEGATION DATE: [REDACTED]

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7. DIMENSIONS/  
SPECIFICATIONS:

2,699 X 30-METER (8,880 X 100-~~FEET~~) NW/SE BLACKTOP  
RUNWAY UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

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8. MISSION READOUT: THE NW/SE PROBABLY OILED SAND RUNWAY REPORTED  
UNDER CONSTRUCTION ON [REDACTED] IS A 2,699 X 30-METER  
(8,880 X 100-Feet) BLACKTOP RUNWAY UNDER CONSTRUCTION. GRADING IS UNDER-  
WAY FOR A PARALLEL TAXIWAY WITH TWO END-CONNECTING AND TWO CROSSOVER LINKS.  
THE NEW RUNWAY AND TAXIWAY BISECT THE E/W OILED SAND RUNWAY REPORTED AS  
NEW IN [REDACTED] RENDERING THE WESTERN HALF OF THE E/W RUNWAY  
UNSERVICEABLE. THE OLD N/S AND NE/SW RUNWAYS ARE UNSERVICEABLE. FOUR AIR-  
CRAFT REVETMENTS HAVE BEEN CONSTRUCTED AT THE NW END OF THE NEW RUNWAY.

AOB: NONE DISCERNIBLE.

ENLARGEMENT FACTOR: 40X

IEG/WGD

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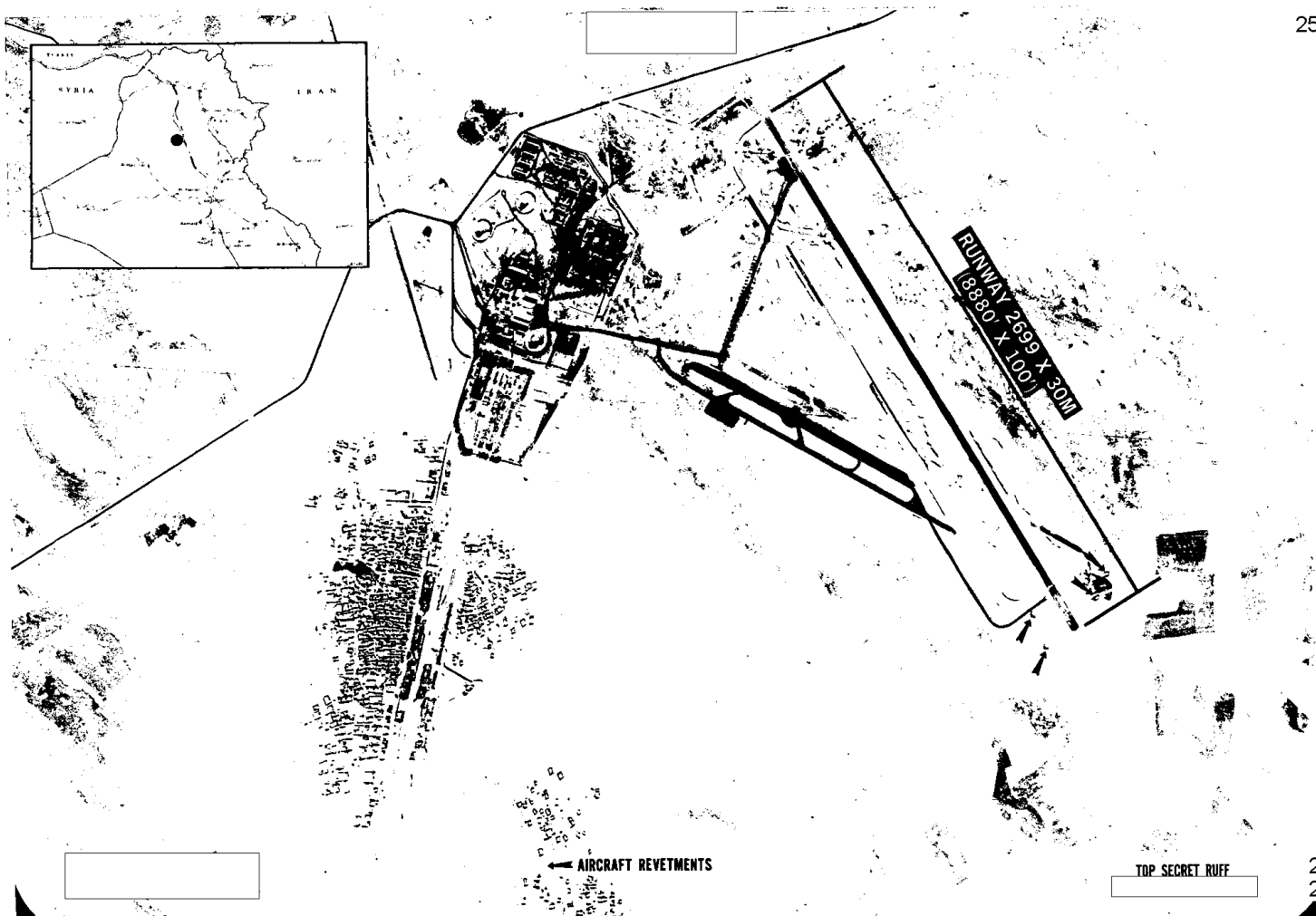
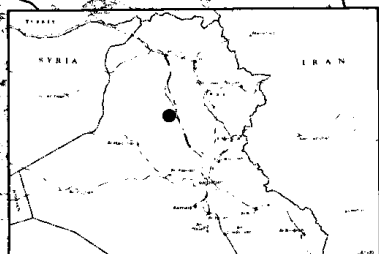


**K-2 AIRFIELD  
IRAQ  
34-54N 43-24E**

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